Empowerment of NCM

2714. SHKI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to give more powers to the National Commission for Minorities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) and (b) The Government had approved the proposal relating to official amendments to the Constitution (One Hundred and Third Amendment) Bill, 2004 and the National Commission for Minorities (Repeal) Bill, 2004 in December, 2008. Accordingly, notices were sent to Lok Sabha Secretariat for introduction of official amendments to these bills. However, the House was adjourned sine die on 26.02.2009.

Feedback on schemes for minority communities

2715. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the various socio-economic schemes floated by Government for the minority communities; and

(b) whether Government has set up any mechanism to receive the progress report/feedback from the State Governments through his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) The following affirmative schemes are implemented by the Ministry for the socio-economic development of the minorities:-

(1) Pre-matric scholarship scheme

(2) Post-matric scholarship scheme

(3) Metri-cum-means based scholarship scheme

(4) Free coaching & Allied scheme

(5) Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) for minority concentration districts and 15 points programme. Details are available at www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.

(b) Yes, Sir. The feedback reports are received through periodic review meetings with the State Governments and through progress reports received from them at regular intervals.

Pre matric scholarship for minorities

2716. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released funds for the pre-matric scholarship for minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years especially in Andhra Pradesh year-wise, State-wise and gender wise;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to increase the amount of scholarship; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme for students belonging to minority communities was launched in the year 2008-09. Details of funds released since 2008-09 and during the current financial year (upto November 2009) State-wise and gender-wise, including the State of Andhra Pradesh, are available on the website of Ministry of Minority Affairs www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

National fellowship for students from Minority community

2717. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made allocations for the new schemes of National Fellowship for students from the Minority community;

(b) if so, the details thereof especially Andhra Pradesh during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) the amount spent, so far, State-wise and year-wise;

(d) the pending requests from Andhra Pradesh, so far, and

(e) by when clearances would be given to each proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) The proposed scheme of National Fellowship for students belonging to minority communities is under consideration.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Reservation in education and jobs for muslims

2718. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Muslim groups in the Central list of other backward classes who get 27 per cent reservation in education and jobs;